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Kansas Information Technology Office (KITO) Article

This month's featured section of DISC is the KITO office.

The KITO section provides enterprise information technology coordination and collaboration services, including support for the activities of the Chief Information Technology Architect (CITA) and the three branch Chief Information Technology Officers (CITOs).

Rick Miller directs the KITO and also serves as the Chief Information Technology Architect. KITO publishes a variety of documents including the ITEC's Strategic Information Management (SIM) Plan, the Kansas Statewide Technology Architecture (KSTA), the KITO Annual Summary of Agency Three Year Information Technology Management and Budget Plans, and the Bi-Monthly Information Technology Projects Status Reports.

Charlene Atwood provides administrative support to KITO staff. Charlene also schedules meetings as needed.

Vickie Rogers directs the unit of IT project management. The unit is comprised of Mary Grace, Rod Odom, and Cathy Nicoletti. Everyone in this unit is required to be certified in Kansas project management methodology and to have experience in applying the methodology. The unit continues to refine the Project Management Methodology (PMM) training program content and provides oversight and project management consultation on major IT projects throughout Kansas government.

Rod Odom is primarily responsible for constructing and producing the Annual Summary of Three-Year IT Management & Budget Plans. He also supports the GIS efforts of the office by participating in the MidAmerica GIS Consortium, I-Team Initiative, and coordinating the production of the State GIS newsletter. Rod works with the ITASK subcommittee and will be participating in the Technical Architecture subcommittees.

Mary Grace provides support to agencies and institutions on the implementation and use of project management methodology and practices, and project reporting

compliance. Mary assists in the development of Project Management Methodology Standards. She provides advice, consultation and support to agencies and institutions related to preparing IT project plans and budget requests. Mary is also a member of the Web Accessibility Subcommittee and the Electronic Records Committee.

Cathy Nicoletti is primarily responsible for monitoring state agency execution of information technology projects over \$250,000. Cathy analyzes and monitors each Project Status Report ensuring the projects are on time and on budget. She then compiles the Project Status Reports from each agency to produce the Summary of Bimonthly Project Progress Reports

Ivan Weichert serves as the state's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator in KITO, supporting the GIS Director, the Kansas GIS Policy Board, and collaborating with state, local, regional, and federal efforts in numerous GIS initiatives and Homeland Defense issues. Ivan also supports the KITO in the creation and maintenance of web pages for the office as well as the councils, committees and boards that we serve.

Carey Brown works with architecture and procurement issues. Carey is 'on loan' to the Division of Purchases about 25% of his time helping with procurement. Carey also serves on the Electronic Records Committee of the State Records Board and the SRS-MMIS Steering Committee.

The KITO office also coordinates and manages security for the enterprise through the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), which is Larry Kettlewell. This is a policy, coordination and operational position. The duties are wide ranging, running from alerting the enterprise technicians to information on the latest virus outbreak to helping formulate security policy. Larry is a member of the newly formed Information Technology Security Council, and is also an active member of the State's Security Architecture Subcommittee.

EMPLOYEE INFO



Happy June Birthdays to:



Duncan Friend

Dallas Brown

Lisa Cameron

Rod Odom

Justin O'Brien

Joan Engelken

Lee Ryan

Tony Vargas

Chaz Good

Judy Niccoli

Kent Dugan

Bruce Roberts

Eric Smith

Jason Marsh

Steve Carson

New Employees: WELCOME!

**Toni
Valdivia-Munoz
BIS
Started
June 2**



**Cathy
Nicoletti
KITO
Started
June 10**



Deaths:

Larry Caldwell's Father

**Please Accept Our Condolences
and Deepest Sympathy Larry.**



Shirley Dean's Retirement

Shirley had 23 years with the State, all in DISC! And all in the same job! Shirley worked on the main switchboard. Congratulations Shirley, and have many wonderful retirement years.



DISC Annual Report Meeting



Bruce, his wife, and Beth. Bruce's wife made all the cookies!



Employees get their name tags and a greeting at the door.



Eric Hollaway, Eric Smith and Sarah Gigous receiving recognition.



Snack Time!



Elna Ensley, Janice Yokum, Helen Gibbon, Alicia Etzel and Ivan Weichert receiving recognition from Bruce Roberts.

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Meeting Our Customer's Needs



Trivia Answer:

The DISC employee who will have a poem published in the Fall 2002 edition of a national publication, which will be in the library of congress, is Nancy Walden. Nancy's poem "Hand and Spirit" will be published in the International Library of Poetry. Congratulations Nancy!

Nancy works on the third shift in the data center, and you may not have had a chance to meet her. So we have provided a picture here to let you know who Nancy is.



This Month's Trivia Question: We have an employee who played rhythm guitar and sang in a popular local late '60s rock group. Some of their recordings are sought after today by collectors.

Summer Time

June 21 is the first day of summer. So remember to be careful in the sun, and drink plenty of fluids during the day, especially if you are working outside.

I already had my first sunburn. Even though I was being careful, the sun is just so strong right now.

If you plan on being out in the sun for more than just a few minutes, be sure and use a sunscreen.

I was thinking about using one of the tanning salons to get a sun tan, hoping it would be safer, but now dermatologists say that is just as bad, if not worse. They contend the tanning beds radiate ultraviolet light

deeper into your body, increasing your chance of skin cancer.

I still like to be a little tanned in the summer, and lots of things may cause cancer. If you want to tan, do it gradually and be extra careful not to get burned.

It is reported that the earlier in life a person sunburns the more likely they are to do grave damage to their skin. So protect your children from sunburn at all costs.

